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2. Recent directorate discussions of FY 90 Program guidance and the grim outlook for FY 91 and beyond have made it clear that sustaining growth in this ongoing initiative will be at an unacceptable level of cost to the basic FBIS mission.

3. By the end of FY 89, FBIS will have achieved all major automation objectives in its Headquarters classified and unclassified segments. Software development for field bureau automation will have been completed and systems installed and tested at most bureaus; installation of the remaining sites can be undertaken by FBIS engineers.

4. Most of the unfinished business in FBIS Modernization resides in the field collection segment. This is the segment that will be canceled by an early FOC. We are fast approaching the threshold of major commitment of resources in the deferred second phase of INTERNET and the Information Transmission System; costs will be significant, recurring, and virtually impossible to accommodate in the new fiscal climate.

5. Installation of ROSET antennas as originally envisaged has been completed. Adaptation to new band-widths and digital transmission technology is beyond guidance now and there is every indication that it cannot be accommodated in FY 90 or beyond. FBIS will endeavor to stay ahead of developments in broadcast technology, addressing issues of lost coverage as they arise.

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